# AWAITING THE GENERALS

#### No Immediate British Advance Expected in South Africa.

Jasfontein Farm, Three Miles East of the Boer Position, Shelled by General Freuch on December 18. A Reconnoissance to the North-

LONDON. Dec. 20 .- Additional details, of. ficial and otherwise, continue to be received concerning the repulse of General Buller in his attempt to capture the Boers' position at Colenso. A summary of all the late advices only proves that the story of disaster has been fully given in reports already published.

No new move of any magnitude is expected until after the arrivals in South Africa of Generals Roberts and Kitchener, unless as is not considered in the least probable, the Boer army is emboldened by heavy accessions to its scrength to make an advance movement upon the British forces.

The expenses of the contemplated changes are to be divided between the

to the hill where the Boers were entrenched. The enemy's guns opened fire at 5,000 yards, and the Boers advanced. General French made a reconnoissance to the northward, and ordered a retirement. The New Zealanders were very steady, under a hot fire. One of their number was wounded,

"The Boers attacked Chief Khama, near Selika, on November 27, and Alinchwin sary village, near Sekwant, on November 30." General Buller reports as additional two lieutenants severely casmulties wounded.

General Lord Roberts, the commander in-chief of the forces in South Africa, had a conference with the army board this morning. The Intelligence Department will furnish General Roberts with a mass of information that has been collected regarding the Boers' position.

DURBAN, Dec. 15-(Delayed in transmission).-General Buller's abandoned guns at Colenso remain in the position they were left early this morning. It is not likely that the Boers will attempt to cross the river to capture them, as the British guns cover the position.

#### THE BATTLE WITH CRONJE.

#### Methnen's Defeat Related in Advices Sent to Pretoria.

PRETORIA, via Lourenco Marques, Dec. 16-Delayed in transmission).-The following private advices have been received from Modder River regarding the Megarsfontein battle:

'Having received large re-enforcements and his army having rested since the 28th | HEAVY PUNISHMENT PROVIDED ultimo. Lord Methuen advanced against General Cronje's army, which occupied a position on both sides of the railway for many miles.

"The fighting opened with heavy cannonading at 4 o'clock in the morning under cover of which dense masses of infantry advanced toward the Boers. They were received by a steady fire which repulsed States anywhere in the United States, Terthe advance before the English came within measurable distance. A strong attack met the same fate, although the English charged bravely against a half of Mauser in the pentientiary not exceeding ten years.

on a scrubby kopje. It is reported that they lost several killed and wounded and that many of them were made prisoners.

"In the afternoon all the British reserves delivered with sublime courage. The plains north of Modder River were black with the British forces, who were deployed in the attack. But no courage could break the Boers' defences, and late in the day the British retreated to Modder River, leaving the ground covered with their dead and

"The Boers' losses were insignificant. Exclusive of the Scandinavians, eighteen were killed and forty-three wounded. English prisoners say their killed and wounded numbered 2,000. They also say the Black Watch 'was cut to pieces.' This great news was received here with the usual

## CAPTURES OF THE BOERS.

#### A Report From Pretoria of the Tugeln River Fight.

LOURENCO MARQUES, Dec. 16-(Delayed in transmission). - A despatch from Pretoria says a British reverse is reported from the Tugela River. The Boers took 208 prisoners. Two guns and thirteen ammunition wagons were also captured.

PRETORIA, Dec. 15-(Delayed in trans mission).-The following official reports have been given out: "Heavy fighting continues at Colenso. Four British guns across the river were put out of action, and the gunners and horses killed. The British are shelling the Boers to prevent them from crossing the bridge and capturing the EURS.

"There were two hours' artillery firing a the Modder River, beginning at 6 o'clock this morning. The Boer forces at Mafeking are drawing closer to the British po-

## THE ATTITUDE OF PORTUGAL.

#### Protests Against Advantages Boers in Delagon Bay.

LONDON, Dec. 20.-There are indications of considerable agitation in the press or the part of the public against the attitude of the Portuguese Government in allowing Delagoa Bay to be an open door where the Boers are receiving ammunition and recruits.

The "Globe" urges that England ough assume direct control of Delagoa Bay during the war.

# Looting in the Transvani.

QUEENSTOWN, Cape Colony, Dec. 15-(Delayed in transmission).-Natives are looting extensively in the territory in the north that has not been annexed by the Boers. That part of the colony is practi-cally without any government. A town guard has been formed at Cala, the memguard has been formed at the and ammu-bers supplying their own arms and ammunition. The railway between Sterkstroom and Indwe has been badly damaged by the

To-Kalen Sweet Muscatel, 75 cents full half gal-

# FOR DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS.

Senator McMillan's Bill Affects Railroad Company. Mr. McMillan of Michigan, Chairman of the District Committee, introduced a bill in the Senate today to provide for several

changes in that part of the line of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company which runs through Washington. Author ity is to be given the company to construct a new station and yards at Sixth and B Streets, and in return for the permission so granted it must construct a ward Followed by Retirement. fifty-foot arch as a public passageway for vehicular and pedestrian traffic beneath its tracks and structures on West Capitol Street. All tracks on Sixth Street must be removed and a new line of connection with the Sixth Street station established, which shall be satisfactory to the District

Commissioners, The United States Fish Commission building, which is now located on a part of the Mall on which the new station is to be located, is to be removed to a position west of the one it now occupies at the

expense of the Government.

The bill provides for the abandoument for public use of several streets crossed by the line of the railroad, which are of little benefit to the public, and which would require large expenditures to keep

or steel passenger bridge being constructed at a point above the present site of Long Bridge by the Government, under the direction of the Secretary of War. In addition to the foregoing several im-

portant changes in the line of the road are projected, involving the construction of new tunnels and the elevation of the tracks at several points where conditions of trafand of public safety render it neces-

Five years is the time fixed upon for the completion of all of the proposed work,

#### BURIED IN THE COMMITTEE. Fate of the Bill Favoring the West

Indies Development Company. The bill introduced by Representative Joy of Missouri to open up Cuba and Porto Rico to the West Indies Development Company, will; it was said at the Capitol

today, never come back from committee. The bill provides that "authority be granted by the United States to the West Indies Development Company to receive, acquire and operate, lease, sell, and convey concessions or franchises or rights or permits that the legally constituted gov-ernments of Cuba, Porto Rico, and such other island possessions that the United States does now or may hereafter recognize as legal governments of said island bossessions do grant in the manner pro-vided by such governments."

The immediate effect of the passage of

this bill, it is claimed, would be the repeal of the Foraker-Mason resolutions that played havor with the plans of franchise grabbers toward the close of the Fifty-fifth Congress.

Mr. Joy introduced the bill by request,

#### Representative Lucey's Bill Concerning Mail Train Obstruction.

Representative Lucey of Iowa has introduced a bill to punish obstruction to mail trains and trains engaged in interstate commerce. Any person who shall willfully obstruct the operation of any train of cars engaged in carrying the mails of the United ritories, or the District of Columbia, shall for every such affence be punished by fine not exceeding \$5,000 and by Imprisonment

"About this time men of the Scandina- person who shall willfully obstruct the vian corps, who have a great record for operation of any train of cars engaged in reckless courage, charged and were cut off carrying passengers, goods, wares, or mercarrying passengers, goods, wares, or mer-chandise from one State or Territory to another.

Representative White of North Carolina in a bill which he has prepared asks that an appropriation of \$15,000 shall be made were brought into the attack, which was for the expenses of an exhibit of negro edu-

cation at the Paris Exposition.

Representative Dayton of West Virginia has offered a bill, which is now before the Committee on Naval Affairs, which provides that each employe of the navy yards, gan factories, naval stations, and arsenals of the United States Government shall be granted thirty working days' leave of absence each year without forfeiture of pay

#### MR CULLOM'S BILL ATTACKED. Pension Experts Charge That It Ben-

efits Bonaty Jumpers. Senator Cullom's bill to correct the recerds of certain soldlers of the United States will be attacked with vigor should it be reported favorably by the committee to which t was referred. It is said that pension experts who have been investigating pending bills relating to the Pension Bureau have discovered that Senator Cullom's bill is really a measure to enable bounty lumpers. deserters and other undesirable relies of

the late war to secure separation from their disabilities.

If the bill should become law, it is said that every bounty jumper and deserter who is now alive would enjoy the same legal standing as soldiers against whom no charges were ever preferred.

The pension experts regard the bill with disfavor chiefly because they are afraid that just as soon as the men who will be-come its beneficiaries appreciate the significance of their new standing they will rush to the Pension Office and demand sub-

## LAID AT REST IN ATLANTA.

The Last Rites Performed Over Lies tenant Brumby's Remains.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.-The remains of Lieutenant Brumby arrived at 5:10 this norning and are now lying in state at the capitol under an honorary guard. Thousands of people throng the building to gaze at the face of the man every one was paying tributes of honor to here only a few weeks ago.

The body was escorted from Washington by a detachment of marines, under Lieu-tenant Commander McCrea. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the body was exceed to St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, where services were conducted by Bishop C. K. Nelson. The body was then escorted to the grave in Oakland Cemetery by the local milit and a detachment from Fort McPherson. Governor Candler and other State officials were in the funeral procession

#### Piring Near Ladysmith. CHEVELEY, Natal, Dec. 16-(Delayed in ransmission)-Firing in the direction of

## Earthquake Felt at Berlin.

BERLIN, Dec. 20 .- A slight earthqua was felt last night in the district between Wieshaden and Frankfort. It caused gre alarm, but the damage done was slight.

To-Ealen Brandy for fruit cake, mi-plum puddings, 75 cents full quart.

# NEW RESOLUTIONS READ

Mr. Hoar Asks for Equitable Rule in the Island Possessions.

The Matter Introduced in the Seunte Today for Action-A Republican Form of Government Asked for Cuba, the Philippines, Porto Rico, and Hawail-Other Business Done.

President pro tempore Frye laid before the Senate, when that body convened today, a communication from the Smithsonian Institution in regard to a vacancy in the board of regents, with a joint resolution proposing to fill it by the selection of Richard Alden, of Massachusetts. Hoar commented upon the extraordinary circumstance of the Smithsonian Institution proposing to Congress the passage of a measure for the appointment of a member of the board of regents. It would be just as proper for the Supreme Court to notify the President of its se'ection of a justice to fill a vacancy. The matter went

The War Office has received the following from General Forestier-Walker, at Cape Town, under yesterday's date:

"Nothing fresh from Gatacre. French sessed on private property in the District." Mr. Hale sent to the clark's desk and had read the proclamation issued yesterday in Havana by General Brooke on turning over "Nothing fresh from Gatacre. French shelled Jasfontein Farm, three miles cast of the enemy's position on December 18. The New Zealanders occupied a farm adjacent at the company's expanse, and a new iron at the company's expanse. order, a condition in which the people there must be ready, at some near day, to enter on a government of their own. General Brooke was to be congratulated on accom-

plishing so vast a work.

In the light of that communication Mr.
Hale said he saw the nearer dawn of free government in Cuba than he had been able to see before. He supposed that the Com-mittee on Cuban Affairs would take not of that much-to-b--rejoiced-at condition in Cuba. He noticed that General Brooke. baving been displaced, would come North, and he would be glad to hear personally what General Brooke had to say, and he had no doubt the committee would be. Mr. Allen was appointed to fill vacancie

in the Committees on Agriculture, Claims Forest Reservations, Interstate Commerce, Philippine Islands, and Pensions. Mr. Morgan gave notice of an amendment to Mr. Bacon's Philippine Islands resolution as follows:

"That in pursuance of section 4 of ar-ticle 4 of the Constitution, the United States will guarantee to the people of Porto Rico Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, and all other states and peoples within its sov-ereign jurisdiction and control a republican form of government, and will protect them

against invasion."

Mr. Hoar offered a resolution declarator; of the policy of the United States toward the recent acquisitions of territory, and it was laid on the table temporarily:

was laid on the table temporarily:

Whereas the American people and the several
States in the Union have in those past, at important periods in their history, especially when
declaring their independence, establishing their
constitutions, or undertaking new and great respeciallities, seen fit to declare the purposes
for which the nation of States was bounded, and
the important objects the people intend to pursue in their political action; and
Whereas, the close of a great war, the liberation, by the United States, of the people of
this and Porto Rico, in the Western Hemisphere, and of the Philippine Islands, in the fateast, and the reduction of those peoples to the

east, and the reduction of those peoples to condition of practical dependence upon United States, constitute an occasion we rockes such a declaration proper; therefore,

condition of martical dependence upon the United States, constitute an secretary which wakes such a declaration proper; therefore, by it.

Besolved, That this Republic adheres to the doctrines which were in the past set borth in the Declaration of Independence and its national and State constitutions; and Resolved. That the purpose of its existence and the objects to which its political action ought to be directed are the most emobiling of humanity, the raising from the dust of its humblest and coansest members and the enabling of persons country lawfully under its pourr or influence to live in freedom and in bonor, under governments whose forms they are to have a state in determining and in whose administration they have an equal voice. Its most important and pressing obligations are:

To solve the differnit problem presented by the presence of different races on our own soil with equal constitutional rights; to make the negres safe in his home, secure in his voic, equal in his opportunity less education and employment, and to bring the Indian to a civilization and culture in accordance with his need and captivity. To enable great cities to govern themselves in freedom, in honor, and in pairty. To make the ballot-hox as pure as a sacramental vessel, and the election return as perfectly in accord with the law and the truth \( \gamma \) the indigenent of the Supreme Court. To banish illiteracy and ignorance from the land. To secure for every workman and for every working woman suggestions, in support a life of countor and an old age of icisure and quiet, as befus those who have an equal share in a sufficient particular to make them realities.

To grow and expand over the continent, and ever the islands of the sea, just so fast and no faster, as we can bring into equality and self-government, under our constitution peoples and increasing who have repealed has no right to take from any other people has no right to take from any other people has no right to take from any other people has no right to take from any o

Mr. Hawley called attention to the facthat a resolution was adopted this morning on motion of Mr. Pettigrew calling on the Secretary of War for a copy of testimony taken by the commission to investigate the conduct of the war. He thought that the resolution should be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and he made that

## MR. CANNON OFF FOR HOME.

He Leaves Without Naming the Appropriations Subcommittees

Chairman Cannon, of the Appropriations Committee, left for home this morning without appointing his subcommittees. He will call a meeting of the committee on the 4th of January, when he will announce the appointment of subcommittees. In the meanting the clerk will be engaged in pre-paring the Urgency Deficiency bill which paring the Urgency Deficiency bill will carry something over \$50,000,000.

#### FOR MRS. LAWTON'S RELIEF. enator Fairbanks Would Give He

Senator Fairbanks of Indiana introduce bill in the Senate today granting a pension to Mamie Craig Lawton, widow of Major Gen, Henry W. Lawton, U. S. V. The amount of the pension is fixed at \$2,000 a year. The bill was referred to the Committee on Pensions and will receive an early consideration.

Mr. Holland Calls on Long. John P. Holland, inventor of the subnarine torpedo boat the Holland, called on the Secretary of the Navy today and invited Mr. Long to visit and inspect the boat. He also called on the various bu-reau chiefs of the Navy and asked them to witness a trial of the Halland to be nade within the next week or ten days.

Suicide of a Postoffee Cashier. BALTIMORE. Dec. 20.-Louis Sneeburger, cashier of the postoffice, committee suicide this morning by shooting himsel in the head.

Delig 'ful trips daily at 6:30 p. m. to Old Point Comfor Newport News, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach. For schedule, see page 7,

#### MR. PAYNE VOTED DOWN.

Defeated in an Attempt to Have the

The Republican floor leader of the House, Mr. Payne, suffered his first defeat this morning. After the transaction of some routine matters which took but a few minutes, Mr. Payne moved that the House adjourn. At the request of Mr. Grow o Pennsylvania he withdrew the motion for moment in order to allow that gentleremarks made by Mr. Gaines of Tennessee Seeing that a controversy would ensue Mr Payne renewed the motion to adjourn, thu cutting off Mr. Grow. A division was de manded and to the surprise of Mr. Payne every Democrat voted with the striking Republicans, led by Mr. Grow, against ad-

Journment.

The only recourse left Mr. Payne was to demand the yeas and cays. When the Speaker announced the vole \$1 to 103—there was a general applause on the Democratic side. Mr. Paysa flushed. He demanded the regular order, which was the call of committees.

Mr. Grow asked unanimous consent to make a statement. The Speaker said the regular order had been demanded, and desired the clerk to call the committees. Before the clerk proceeded Mr. Payne a renewed the motion to adjourn, and again defeated on a division demanded by Mr. Grow, by a vote 79 to 80. He again demanded the yeas and nays, which were After some discussion on Mr. Grow's re-

#### narks, the House at 1:35 adjourned. THE QUAY PROTEST CASE.

The Senate Committee May Reach Vote January 5.

Elections may vote on the Quay case Fridov. January 5. The committee will hold a meeting or that day and the aretiments which were

presented by counsel last Saturday will be It is understood that there will be n delay on the part of the committee, as each member is acquainted with all the features of the case. It is generally accepted at the Capitol as a fact that a majority of the committee will hold that Governor Stene. of Pennsylvania, had no right to fill a vaconcy in the United States Senate by ap-pointment while the Pennsylvania legisla-

ture was in session. It is maintained by the enemies of Mr. Quay that he is already defeated, and that he damaged his cause by coming to Washington to assume personal command of his forces, thus calling greater attention to his

case.

They claim that some Senators would have voted for Mr. Quay simply on per-onat grounds had his case not been made so con-

#### TO STUDY IMMIGRATION. Computtee Proposed by Rep-

resentative Bartholdt. Representative Bartholdt of Missouri has stroduced in the House of Representatives a joint resolution to create a commission

to examine into the subject of immigra-It is provided that a join commission shall be created, consisting of three Senstors, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House. This commission shall make full enquiry into the subject of immigration, its present extent and character, its influence upon the physical, moral, social, and material conditions of our people, and also the present system of administration of the laws on the sub-

#### or laws require any change or modification THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

ject, and the question whether the system

Until After the Holidays. Chairman Babcock will not organize the District Committee until after the holl-

day recess. Twenty-two District bills have been in- of colonel. He was made a brigadier ger troduced, and referred by Chairman Babcock to the District Commissioners for a re-

port on them. be able to have some local measure ready to call up on January 8, which, under the

## MEETS AND ORGANIZES

House Elections Committee No. 1 Gets

Elections Committee No. 1 met and organized this morning. Edward A. King, of Lisbon, Ohio, was reappointed clerk. The rules of the Fifty-fifth Congress were adopted for the guidance of the committee. The case of Aldrich vs. Robbius, of A'abama, was set for hearing January 8, and the case of Evans vs. Turner, of Kentucky, for January 11. The hearing will begin at 16 o'clock in the morning, two hours a side

being allowed. It is the intention of Chairman Tayler to dispose of the contested election cases issigned to his committee as soon as pos-It is not improbable that the House will have an opportunity to vote on the Al-drich-Robbins contest the latter part of January. The Turner contest is peculiar. January. The Turner contest is peculiar, in so far that the contestant. Evans, is now a judge on the Federal bench, and his friends say he will not give up a life position for a seat in the House. Should the committee report against Turner, the seat will be declared vacant.

For a Potomac River imp In a letter submitted to the House today the Chief of Engineers estimates that an expenditure of \$36,480 for the improvement of the Potomac River near Leonardtown, will pay for dredging a channel in Breton Bay 200 feet wide to Leonardtown, by 199 feet wide, with a depth of ten feet,

Would Purchase Grant's Pleture. Representative Bartholdt of Missouri ha introduced a bill providing that the Joint Committee on the Library be authorized to purchase the painting, by Hans Balling entitled "General U. S. Grant in the trench-es of Vicksburg," to be hung in a suitable place in the new Library Building. Fifty thousand dollars is asked for the purpose.

#### A New Pension Measure Representative Gardner of Michigan has introduced a bill providing for the distribution of decisions of the Department of the Interior which relate to pensions.

To Fix Letter-Carriers' Salaries. Mr. Mudd of Maryland today introduced n the House of Representatives a bill providing a scale of wages for letter carriers, as follows: First year, \$600; second year, \$800; third year, \$1,000; fourth year, \$1,200.

En route to Florida and the South via the Short Route. particulars and illustrated booklet address particulars and illustrated booklet address Pass Dept., M. & M. T. Co., Baltimore, Md. Tynn's Business Cotlege, 8th and K. iness, shorthend, typewriting—828 a year. To-Kalon Port, 75 cents full half gallon bottle.

# MET DEATH IN A SKIRMISH

General Lawton Fell in a Comparatively Trivial Fight.

Other Casualties in the Battle Estimated at Twenty Killed and Wounded-Body of the Dead Com mander Being Escorted to Manila. Prequently Warned of Danger.

MANILA, Dec. 20-(11:16a.m.).-The 6ght in which General Lawton was killed is described as a comparatively trivial affair. simply a small part of the general scheme of finishing the campaign. Colonel Lockett's Eleventh Cavalry started to cross the San Mateo River, above town of the same name, for the purpose of flanking the insurgents, when their firing was heard. Lieutenant Colonel Sargent, with two battalions of the Twenty-ninth Volunteer Infantry, was to make the direct attack. General Lawton personally directed Lieutenant Colonel Sargent's crossing the river. Sargent was unable to cross immediately in front of San Mateo, as a typhoon had transformed the river into a torrent. General Lawton stood high up on the river bank watching Sargent's men. He wore the huge white helmet, under which he has courted death every time he has been under the insurgent fire, and a great yellow slicker made him conspicuous. Captain Breckenridge, one of his aides, had been The Senate Committee on Privileges and shot in the group, and General Lawton went to speak to him as the litter was being carried away. Captain Sewall, another of the General's aides, warned Lawton that the insurgents were making a special effort to hit him. General Lawt n was just about to speak to Captain Breckenridge, when he threw his hands up, blood spurted from his mouth, and he fell without saying a word. He had been shot squarely through the heart and died almost instantly.

Meantime Licutement Colonel Surgent had charged on the fusurgents and drove them into Colonel Lockett's hands. Our osses were twenty killed and wounded. losses were twenty killed and wounded.

Captain Rogers, Troop F, Fourth Cavalry, about \$130 a month. Mrs. Lawton will be able to live in fairly comfortable circumsensers of all their ventors. general's body to Manila. Three other troops of the Fourth Cavalry will be sent to Mariquina to excort the remains here. The death of General Lawton was the hardeat loss possible to inflict on the home was about \$15,000, leaving more than roops of the Fourth Cavalry will be sent Americans at this more out. The ultimate result, of course, will not be changed, but ed. it will be almost impossible to find a man

The headquarters people are much affected by the sad news. It is not likely to have any effect on the insurgents, however, as they have already reported Gen-

#### eral Lawton killed in several engagements YOUNG MAY SUCCEED LAWTON. War Department Gossip Concerning

the Filling of His Place. At the War Department today it was stated that the successor of General Lawton as major general of volunteers had no yet been determined upon. It is thought however, that the position will fall to Brig. Gen. Samuel B. M. Young, of the Volun-

teers, who is now in the Philippines. General Young is a colonel of the Third Cavalry in the reguar army, and has a long record for gallantry in action. He enlisted as a private in the Twelfth Pennsylvania Infantry at the outbreak of the civil war, and was later made captain of the Fourth Pennsylvania. He was made a colone! in 1864, and brevetted a major gen-Infantry in 1866, and has risen to the rank | paddles for motive power. eral of volunteers May 4, 1898, and a major general July 8, 1898, but afterward reduced to a brigadier general with a number of

other officers when it became necessary to cut down the number of major generals He commanded the cavalry in Cuba, and won the battle of Las Gussimas. His work in the Philippines has been of the brightest

The other brigadier generals now in the Philippines rank as follows: Joseph Wheeler, Theodore H. Schwan, Robert H. Hall, Lloyd Wheaton, Fred. D. Grant, R. P. Hughes, James F. Smith, and Frederick Funston. Wheeler, it is thought, will be made a brigadier general in the regular army and retired, and while the records of all the other officers mentioned are ex-tremely good, it is thought that Young will be made a major general of volunteers and succeed to Lawton's command of the

First Division, Eighth Army Corps. Mr. Melklejohn, the Assistant Secretary of War, in speaking of General Lawton, said: "No braver soldier or more splendid gauteman ever lived than Lawton. If he had any faults, it was that he was two reckless of his own safety. But while he exposed himself, he was extremely careful of his men and always saw that they had all the shelter possible. He looked after the welfare of his troops and they idealized him. He was a typical American

Col. William S. Patten, of the Quarter master's Department, said: "I knew Law ton out West, and also while he was it Washington. He was a soldier of the firs magnitude and a lovable gentleman. He had hosts of friends both in and out of the army, and his admirers were thou-sands. He was undoubtedly one of the finest officers in the army, and his record in the civil war, against the Indians, and in Cuba and the Philippines is superb." Capt. Ethelbert Breckinridge, who was on General Lawton's staff, was wounded just before Lawton was killed. Inspector General Breckinridge, father of Captain Breckinridge, has received the following telegram from Colonel Garlington, inspector general at Manila:

Manila, December 20, 1809.

Ethelbert in fine spirits; slightly wounded in right arm and side. Lawton lived five minutes. Particulars called press. GARLINGTON. Captain Breckinridge has a wife in

## TWO TOWNS CAPTURED

Army and Navy Co-operating in

Philippine Campaign. The navy and army continue co-operat ing in the campaign in northern Luzon &and have captured Rombion and Pamplo Commander Ackley, of the Concord, and Commander Leigh, of the Pampanga, assisted in the capture of Rombion.

A battalion from the Newark occupi Pamplona. Commander Burwell, of the Wheeling, is doing fine work in co-operation with General Young, Rear Admiral Watson sent the following cablegram to the Navy Department today

sablegram to the Navy Department today,

Munila, December 20, 1800.

Secretary of the Navy, Washington;
Concord, Ackley; Pampanga, Leigh, 18th
instant, with two companies infantry, captured
Romblon, John James, seaman, wounded knee;
only casualty navy, Newark's battalion landed
from Callao, occupied Pamplona, morth coast
tamon. Barwell, Wheeling, co-operating with
General Young like one service, landing hattalion, doing excellent work daily north and west
Luron. WATSON.

#### FUND FOR MRS. LAWTON.

des of the Dead Officer Would Pay Off a Mortgage.

Adjutant General Corbin started a move ment today to pay off the mortgage on the home left by General Lawton at Redlands. Cal., in order that his wife and children may not be left destitute. As soon as Sec retary Root reached his office General Corbin had a conference with him and the Secretary approved of the plan whereby the family of General Lawton. General Corbin said: "General Lawton left little to his family besides his good name, which will live in history, but believing as I do that the whole country admired Lawton as a soldier and a gentleman of the high-

est type. I think the public will be glad to assist the family he left.

He died as a soldier, facing the enemy and fighting for his country and no more fitting tribute could be paid him by the public than by seeing that his family did

rot suffer.
"The army, I know, will contribute liberally and I believe a substantial fund can be raised to assist the family of the dead

nero."

The following is the bulletin issued by General Corbin:

General Corbin:

Washington, D. C., December 20, 1802.

Major General Henry W. Lawron, T. S. Volunteers, whose death occurred at San Mateo, Island of Luzon, on December 19, 1859, has left little but his good name as a begay to his wife and children. A piece of property purchased by him as a home in Childrana has a merigage of half the purchase price still outstanding and unliquidated. The undersigned have voluntarily associated themselves together for the purpose of raising funds to pay off the indebtedness. Contributions will be thankfully received by them, and be devoted to the object hereinabove set forth. The aid of the newspapers of the country is reconsisted. requested,

ne following:

H. C. Corbin, Adjutant General, Washington, station in Kansas City, Kan.

C. John F. Weston, Acting Commissary General, assington, D. C. William Lodlow, Beigndier General, Havans,

pension of \$30 a month, the highest pen-sion paid the families of deceased army officers. This sum will be in no way adestances.

\$7,560 to be raised if the mortgage is lift-

#### FILIPINO DESIGNS UPSET. Prestrution of a Plan to Get Posses.

sion of Cavite. SAN- FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.-The transport Rio Janeiro brings details of the re- of the sleeper. One would hold a gun at cent Fliipino attack on the Cavite navy the head of a passenger, while the yard, which was an opera bouffe affair and | went through his pockets. A sharp looknot the serious assault some reported it out was kept meanwhile to see that none as being at the time. The insurgents of the passengers might surprise them by planned to attack Fort Rice, on the 1sth- pulling a gun of his own. When the man mus of Dailhican, and under cover of this, was reached who had concealed his money which they thought would carry all the

a fleet of small boats and carture the navy yard and arsenal. At the appointed time a scattering fire rapid-fire guns, which quickly took all the desire to advance out of the Filipinos. that the insurgents on the isthmus were trying to carry out their part of the programme, the rebels at Cavite Viejo swarmeral for gallantry. He entered the regular ed into long wooden boats, each holding T. P. Fenton, jr., of Leavenworth. He army as a second lieutenant of the Twelfth about thirty men. They depended on the looked at the check and said: This may be

an unexpected quarter. The searchlight of of the coolest I ever saw. The robber was the gunboat Petrel beamed upon them, and a very gentlemanly fellow. the well-aimed shots from the Petrel caused the rebel fleet to be turned about in he haste. The insurrectionists paddled desperately to reach shore. One 6-pound shell from the Petrel struck an insurgent boat amidships, knocked it to splinters, and killed every rebei on board. The others were beached near the mouth of the creek and

## the Filipinos scattered inland,

AT THE WHITE HOUSE. eretaries Long and Root and

Others Confer With the President. During the greater portion of the day at the White House the time of the President was entirely devoted to conferences with Secretary Long, Secretary Root, and a large number of Senators and Representatives. Secretary Root's conference was in regard
to the death of General Lawton. It had
been the intention of the President to send
edly come to Congress asking for State been the intention of the President to send to Congress today the nomination of General Lawton to be a brigadier general in the regular army, but the sad news of his sudden death changed this programme.

The President and Secretary Roct discussed for a considerable time the advis-ability of sending the nomination to Con-gress, notwithstanding the death of the general. When the Secretary took his departure it was understood that the President will not follow this course today, and probably not at ail.

probably not at all.

Secretary Long's conference was purely in relation to departmental affairs requiring Congressional action. Mr. Long declined to say anything about the subjects taiked over. Senators Allison, Cullom, Fairbanks Aldridge, Burrows, and Gear each saw the President and talked with him about the financial legislation to come up in the Senate. The impression prevailed at the White House that these Senators, or a greater portion of them, will insist strong-

upon many modifications in the single gold standard bill passed by the House this While it is known that nearly all of them favor the single gold standard, yet

there are some provisions in the House bill that they do not favor. Senator Penrose and Representative Bingham of Pennsylvania had a half hour's onference with the President, and it was rumored that the only subject discussed was the seating of Senator Quay. It is generally known that the President is taking a great deal of interest in the Quay proceedings, and it is believed that he will be gratified if the Pennsylvania statesman

s given a seat. is given a seat.

Others who saw the President were
Speaker Henderson, Representative Kluttz,
Representative McPherson, Representative
Sibley, Representative Corlies, Representative Davidson, and Representative Graff.

Holiday Rates to Pittsburg, Etc., via Pennsylvania Railroad. Excurring tickets, Washington to Pittsbe Conneilsville, Uniontown, Dravesburg, Scottal Braddock, Dunbar, Fairchance, Mr. Plessant, Johnstown, Pa., on sale December 23, 24, 25, January I, good to return until January 1, 12 at rate of fare and one-saird for round trip. 21, 24, 25, 31

# **BOLD WORK OF BANDITS**

PRICE ONE CENT.

Passengers on a Sleeping Car Rob-

bed of Their Valuables.

One Thief Guards the Conductor and Porter, While the Others Collect Valuables in Possession of Passen. gers-After Their Operations They Turn on Air Brakes and Escape.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 20.-The passengers in the elecper on the Missouri Pacific, Omaha and Lincoln express which left Kansas City at 9:15 o'clock last night were held up and relieved of their valuables by three men, two of whom were masked, last night between Kansas City, Kan, and Nearmann, six miles north, where the robbers left the train. Something over \$560 in money, six watches, and five diamonds were secured from the passengers. One man was relieved of over \$100. sengers on the train outside of the sleeper and even the trainmen, were ignorant of

the hold-up until after it had occurred. As soon as the train reached Leavenworth, the Missouri Pacific officials and the police here were notified and preparations for intercepting the robbers were at once begun. About I o'clock this morning a train was made up which carried the railroad detectives and a posse of officers to the scene of the hold-up, and a search

for the bandits was begun. The robbers boarded the train at the

They went to the sleeper and covered the conductor and porter with their revolvers. While one man held them with a william R. Shafter, Major General, San Fran- large revolver pointed at their heads, the other two went through the car and re-General Lawton's family will receive a lieved the occupants of their valuables.

The passengers were terrified and with quate to support his wife and four chil- one exception delivered their valuables dren. It is probable that Secretary Root will call the attention of Congress to the condition of Mrs. Lawton and their children and that a special act will be passed giving thom a pension of at least \$100 a month. was with him, and dropped his watch into

When the robbers had relieved the passengers of all their valuables they delib-Senator Fairbanks and the Indiana dele- erately turned on the air brakes, brought across the Missouri and Kansus Rivers are being watched, and it will be a difficult matter for the bandits to get away. The robbers worked rapidly, but overlooked no one. While the conductor and the porfor were covered by one of the bandits. the others passed among the occupants the robbers cursed him, but were in too

American troops to that point, they pro-posed to sneak over from Cavite Vielo in W. T. Kecne, of St. Louis, wi W. T. Keene, of St. Louis, who was one of the victims of the pobbery, told the following story of the affair: "I was alone in the smoking section of the eleeper and was directed at the marines in Fort Rice. was sound asleep, when I felt some one The Americans responded briskly with the tapping my knee. Looking up I saw a tall man with a large mustache and with a black slouch bat drawn over his face, but When the noise of the firing warned them without a mask. He had a large revolver in his hand. He asked me if I had any thing. I handed him my pocketbook and he took \$4.85 and a check for \$25 signed by good, but it is no good to me.' He then shore when they encountered danger from handed it to me. The whole affair was one

## GOING TO VISIT TERRITORIES.

Senator Shoup's Committee Starts for the Southwest Tomorrow. The Territories of Arizona and New Mexico, which are applying for Statehood, are to entertain a party for the investigation of their actual conditions, under the leadership of Senator Shoup, the Chairman of the Committee on Territories. The party will leave tomorrow, and includes Senator Clark of Wyoming, Chairman Hull, of the House Military Committee: Commissioner Her-mann, of the Land Office: Assistant Secre-tary of War Meiklejohn: Governor Murpny,

of Arizona, and Governor Otero, of New Mexico.

Governor Murphy said today: "The hills which have been introduced this session for the admission of these two Territories as rights, but in the past, it must be admitted, we were basing our claims on facts that could scarcely be considered satisfac-tory. But in the past year, due to the unprecedented business prosperity, Arizona, and I may include New Mexico as well, both have made wonderful advancement in manufacturing, mining, and agricultural industries, and the population has grown

accordingly When asked how the admission of these

two Territories would affect political condi-tions, Governor Murphy said; "No difference will be produced in House or Senate representation, for New Mexico

is Democratic and Arizona is safely Re-publican. It will simply give an equal gain to both parties."

When the Congressional party returns, about January 1, Senator Shoup will at once lay before the Committee on Territories the results of his investigations. All the mem-bers of the committee are not favorably inclined to the admission of both Terri-tories. It has been said that the larger part of the citizens of New Mexico are of part of the citizens of New Mexico are of pure Mexican blood, and this may account for some of the adverse feeling exhibited. The conditions in Arizona, however, are said to be much better. It is likely that one or both of these Territories will be asked to wait another year.

## Pleaded Guilty to Embezzlement.

John F. Gotlier, who was arrested last Saturday by Detective Helan on a charge of emberzlement, preferred by C. C. Muel-ler, the proprietor of a candy store at 336 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest, pleaded guilty in the Police Court this morning and was held in \$500 bond to await the action of fine grand jury. Mueller testified that Gottler had been in his employ as a sales-man and collector, and while acting in that capacity had appropriated to his own use several sums of money, amounting in all to about \$40. Gottler, when placed on the stand, said that he didn't take the money with the intention of keeping it, but that he had been drinking and while under the influence of liquor had been led

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